



Environmental Health & Safety

Primary & Secondary Schools

Rules & Regulations of the State Board of Health

Revision & Update of Chapter 246-366 WAC

October 2004

ACTIVITY	EXPECTED TIMELINE	DATE COMPLETED
State Board of Health directs SBOH staff to review rule.	January – July 2003	July 2003
The SBOH directs the SBOH Executive Director to begin rulemaking by July 2004	July 2003	July 2003
DOH & SBOH staff plan rule development process	July — September 2004	September 2004
File CR-101	October 2004	October 4, 2004
Rule Development Committee (RDC) is formed	October 2004	
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Ongoing meetings of the RDC. Staff develop DRAFT rule based on RDC recommendations	November 2004 — June 2005	
Brief the SBOH on RDC progress	Spring 2005	
Circulate RDC proposed DRAFT rule for review & comment. Staff develop 2 nd DRAFT rule, present to RDC for final recommendations	Late Spring 2005	
Prepare and present the RDC final report and RDC recommendations for revised rules to the SBOH	Early Summer 2005	
Conduct Workshops and gather comments, develop FINAL DRAFT rule, prepare significant (fiscal) analysis	Summer 2005	
File CR-102	August-September 2005	
SBOH public hearing on proposed revisions to WAC 246-366 Environmental Health & Safety for Primary & Secondary Schools	Fall 2005	
Respond to Public Comments; Prepare Concise Explanatory Statement	Early Winter 2005	
File CR-103 - Rule Adoption	Early Winter 2005	
Effective Date of revised rules	To be determined by the SBOH	

Purpose

Develop Revised & Updated Rules That:

- Proactively protect children's health
- Are based on the best available science
- Ensure accountability between school districts, local health jurisdictions and their communities
- Support and promote current school health and safety programs that work
- Have the least burdensome regulatory structure
- Are compatible and consistent with existing related regulations (such as building codes)
- Are realistic about resource limitations of schools and local health jurisdictions

Recent Activities

- Identifying rule development process and timeline
- Establishing list of stakeholders to involve as many interested and affected people as possible

Next Steps

- Establish Rule Development Committee (RDC) to advise DOH and SBOH on proposed revisions to rule
- Identify needed staff and other resources
- Plan initial RDC meeting

For detailed information about the school rule revision process, please see the Department of Health website at:

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/school.htm>

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